

Local Government Grant Update

Office of Community Development



Community Soccer Fields 24 Hours a Day/ 7 Days a Week



The U.S. Soccer Foundation began making grants in 1995 and has awarded close to \$17 million in cash and equipment to over 300 grantees. For Fiscal Year 2005, the goal of the U.S. Soccer Foundation is to fund programs or projects that develop players, referees, and coaches with a special empha-

sis on the economically disadvantaged urban areas. In addition to this goal, the Foundation also supports field construction with its 24/7 Fields Program. The 24/7 Fields package comes with a field of artificial turf, lights for nighttime playing, goals, and signage for your organization to sell advertising. The goal is to produce a soccer field that can be used at any time, day or night, and in any kind of weather. Any organization or individual may purchase the field package at a discounted rate, and financing is also available for state and local governments, colleges and universities, school districts, and non-profit organizations. A partnership between Nike

and the U.S. Soccer Foundation also awards grants of up to \$100,000 to communities to cover part of the cost of a new field through the 24/7 Fields program. **The deadline for applications is late November.**

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<http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/GNT.html>

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Things to remember:

- You can always use OCD's online Grants Database, the **Louisiana Assistance Resource Center** to help find resource opportunities on your own at: www.laronline.com
- Call Paul Catrou at OCD for extra assistance or with any questions at (225)342-7412
- Use the contact information included with each opportunity to learn more detailed information.

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EPA Issues Grant to Address Children's Environmental Health

The goal of this program is to increase the number of health professionals who are able to address the broad spectrum of children's environmental health issues in their practices, in the institutions in which they work, in their

communities and in academic settings. State and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions are eligible to apply. **The deadline for application submittal is October 25, 2004.**

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Washington Mutual Lists Education as Funding Priority



Improve your local schools with help from Washington Mutual.

and K-12 public schools, where a majority of students receive free and reduced-priced lunches are eligible for Washington Mutual's education grants. The goal of this program is to help strengthen the educational curriculum

Washington Mutual wants to help build stronger communities by investing in education grants. Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status

and give students an opportunity to graduate equipped for success in higher education or the workplace. The money will be spent on two categories of funding: Professional development for teachers and principals and School improvement strategies. Programs that will be considered by Washington Mutual for professional development of teachers and principals include measurable results, experience-based learning, and working with peers. The school improvement strategies category focuses on improving student achievement and help for parents to take advantage of the benefits available in the school system for their child.

Deadlines for this grant are ongoing.

Contact info:

Toll-Free Phone: 1-800-258-0543

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Grant Awards

COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Program

The Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services awarded \$82.6 million in grants to 23 communities in 17 states on September 16, 2004. The money was awarded under the COPS Interoperable Communications Technology grant program to increase the number of integrated communication and data systems used by local law enforcement, fire service, and emergency medical services. In Louisiana, the City of Shreve-

port received \$2.9 million from the Justice Department.

Assistance to Firefighters Grants Rounds 15 and 16

The Department of Homeland Security awarded \$33.5 million as a part of 478 grants for Rounds 15 and 16 of the Fire Grants Program. Fire districts based in Vivian, Cheneyville, Marksville, Elmer, DeQuincy, Olla, and Oak Grove were the Louisiana recipients. Louisiana received \$236,845 in Federal funds from DHS in Rounds 15 and 16.

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National Institute of Corrections Satellite/Internet Broadcast

The Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections announced the availability of funds in FY 2005 for a cooperative agreement to fund the production of ten satellite/internet broadcasts. These broadcasts are designed to provide training for corrections personnel nationwide. Broadcasts include training on the new



NIC Training utilizes technology in FY 2005.

Prison Rape Elimination Act, an informational broadcast on the NIC itself, Utilizing Family and Community in Offender Transition and Supervision, Strategies for Building Effective Work Teams, and more. State and local governments, public or private agencies, educational institutions, organizations, teams or individuals with

the requisite skills are eligible to apply. **The deadline for applications is October 20, 2004.**

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Best Practices - How to Use CDBG Funds

The Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded 14 grantees the *Community Development Excellence Award* for their outstanding work within the Community Development Block Grant Program. Among those awarded was the State of Virginia who won for their Self-Help Virginia Program. In order to cut down on costs, the Virginia CDBG Program utilizes local volunteer labor and initiative on sewer and water projects to stretch their Federal dollars. The State of Virginia spends CDBG money initially on technical assistance to help communities determine if this is the right program to fit their needs. The

reduced cost of labor on these projects enables Virginia to use more CDBG funds on engineering, materials, and other construction costs. It is estimated that the State of Virginia saved 62% of the money that would have been spent during the normal course of the CDBG program, allowing Virginia to spread its money to more communities.



States are stretching their Federal dollars to help more communities with their limited funds.

Did you know that Louisiana's Office of Community Development also has a Self-Help program? The LaSTEP program is funded with Louisiana's CDBG money and is distributed much like Virginia's funds. Many small Louisiana communities have extended their water systems to previously unreachable areas. Contact Carol Newton (225-342-7412) for more information.

Environmental Education Grants from the EPA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Education issues Environmental Education Grants to enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. This program will provide financial support for projects which design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. The notice makes a point of distinguishing 'Environmental Education' from 'Environmental Information.' Environmental education gives the public the tools to enhance their decision-making and problem-solving skills with regards to environmental issues.

Environmental information is the dissemination of facts and opinions about the environment but may not enhance critical-thinking, problem-solving, or decision-making abilities. The goal of this program is to increase environmental education, not simply environmental information. Annual funding from Congress typically ranges from \$2 to \$3 million, although more than 70% of the awards are for less than \$15,000. Local education agencies, nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status, state education or environmental agencies, institutions of higher education, and non-commercial education broadcasting agencies are all eligible to apply.

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The deadline is November 15, 2004.

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Quick Tips

Financial Services Needed?

- Interested in providing much needed financial services to your rural community?

Check out www.cdfifund.gov or call (202)622-6355 for more information on the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.



Check out the CDFI Fund for financial services for underserved rural areas.

Don't Forget!

Just a reminder:

Applications for the NEH Challenge Grants Program are due November 1, 2004.

The due date for the IMLS Museums for America Program is November 15, 2004.

FEMA Offers More Than Just Money

The U.S. Fire Administration has some very helpful documents on its website (www.usfa.fema.gov). In addition to providing grant money, this agency provides technical assistance in the form of funding guides for emergency and fire services. Check out this page: www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/grants/federal/g_assist.shtm

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The Office of Community Development, as part of the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, administers the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. The LCDBG Program provides pass-through Federal funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Small Cities Program. OCD provides grants to local governments for public infrastructure, economic development, demonstrated needs, housing, and self-help projects. In addition to the LCDBG Program, OCD offers technical assistance to Louisiana's rural communities. This assistance ranges from grant research requests to this newsletter.

We're on the web!
www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/cdbg.htm

